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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency management and school violence plans
2 for schools; adding new sections to chapter 28A.330 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28A.195 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to encourage each
6 school district to prepare a district-wide emergency management plan,
7 and to encourage public and private schools to prepare an emergency
8 management plan, to respond to and recover from emergencies and
9 disasters. These plans should include provisions for periodic testing
10 to maintain emergency preparedness. An emergency management plan for
11 a school district should be consistent and coordinated throughout the
12 entire school district.

13 This act may be known and cited as the school violence reduction
14 and emergency preparedness act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.330
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 School districts and public schools are encouraged to develop and
18 adopt an emergency management plan limited in scope to the preparation

1 for, response to, and recovery from human-caused emergencies stemming
2 from acts or threats of violence or an all-hazard emergency management
3 plan that details how it will prepare for, respond to, and recover from
4 natural, technological, and human-caused emergencies and disasters,
5 including acts of violence. This emergency management plan should:
6 (1) Identify potential hazards that may pose a threat to the school or
7 to the staff and students of that school; (2) describe measures to be
8 taken to protect students, staff, volunteers, and parents, and to
9 reduce the impacts of each of these potential events, including plans
10 that describe the protection of people, capital facilities, and
11 equipment; and (3) describe steps to be taken in the event of an
12 emergency to ensure all primary emergency functions are fulfilled.
13 Primary emergency functions may include transportation strategies;
14 methods of communication; and the roles and responsibilities for staff,
15 students, and volunteers in carrying out primary emergency functions.
16 Additional elements may be included in an all-hazard emergency
17 management plan. The emergency management division of the military
18 department, in cooperation with local emergency management agencies,
19 shall develop and provide to school districts an "all-hazard planning
20 guide" for school districts and schools.

21 These district and school emergency management plans should
22 encourage each school within the school district to develop an
23 education program to inform students, staff, volunteers, and parents
24 about its emergency management plan. An emergency management plan
25 should be exercised annually during the school year. These exercises
26 may address different types of potential hazards, such as armed
27 intruders and earthquakes, in addition to periodic fire drills.

28 School districts are encouraged to develop their emergency
29 management plans and programs in collaboration with the emergency
30 management plan and program established by the local emergency
31 management agency under chapter 38.52 RCW and their local law
32 enforcement and fire agencies. School districts are also encouraged to
33 submit their draft plans to their local emergency management agency for
34 review before formal adoption by the school board. School districts
35 are encouraged to develop or update their plans within three years of
36 the effective date of this section.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195
38 RCW to read as follows:

1 Private schools are encouraged to develop and adopt an emergency
2 management plan limited in scope to the preparation for, response to,
3 and recovery from human-caused emergencies stemming from acts or
4 threats of violence or an all-hazard emergency management plan that
5 details how it will prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural,
6 technological, and human-caused emergencies and disasters, including
7 acts of violence. This emergency management plan should: (1) Identify
8 potential hazards that may pose a threat to the school or to the staff
9 and students of that school; (2) describe measures to be taken to
10 protect students, staff, volunteers, and parents and to reduce the
11 impacts of each of these potential events, including plans that
12 describe the protection of people, capital facilities, and equipment;
13 and (3) describe steps to be taken in the event of an emergency to
14 ensure all primary emergency functions are fulfilled. Primary
15 emergency functions may include transportation strategies; methods of
16 communication; and the roles and responsibilities for staff, students,
17 and volunteers in carrying out primary emergency functions. Additional
18 elements may be included in an all-hazard emergency management plan.
19 The emergency management division of the military department, in
20 cooperation with local emergency management agencies, shall develop and
21 provide to private schools an "all-hazard planning guide" for schools.

22 These school emergency management plans should encourage each
23 private school to develop an education program to inform students,
24 staff, volunteers, and parents about its emergency management plan. An
25 emergency management plan should be exercised annually during the
26 school year. These exercises may address different types of potential
27 hazards, such as armed intruders and earthquakes, in addition to
28 periodic fire drills.

29 Private schools are encouraged to develop their emergency
30 management plans and programs in collaboration with the emergency
31 management plan and program established by the local emergency
32 management agency under chapter 38.52 RCW and their local law
33 enforcement and fire agencies. Private schools are encouraged to
34 develop or update their plans within three years of the effective date
35 of this section.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.330
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Funding for sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be provided to
2 local emergency management agencies through the emergency management
3 division of the military department. Funds shall be distributed on the
4 basis of per capita full-time equivalent student enrollment in school
5 districts, as follows:

6 (a) Emergency management agencies for counties with kindergarten
7 through twelfth grade public school enrollment of more than one hundred
8 thousand full-time equivalent students shall receive funding sufficient
9 to employ one full-time equivalent employee for purposes of
10 implementing sections 2 and 3 of this act;

11 (b) Emergency management agencies for counties with kindergarten
12 through twelfth grade public school enrollment of more than two hundred
13 thousand full-time equivalent students shall receive funding sufficient
14 to employ two full-time equivalent employees for purposes of
15 implementing sections 2 and 3 of this act; and

16 (c) The emergency management division of the military department
17 shall be allocated funding sufficient to employ six full-time
18 equivalent employees for purposes of implementing sections 2 and 3 of
19 this act in regions not served through funding made available pursuant
20 to (a) and (b) of this subsection.

21 (2) School districts that have adopted an emergency management plan
22 or are in the process of developing an emergency management plan shall
23 report to the emergency management division of the military department
24 whether the school district's plan has been adopted or is under
25 development, and shall further report whether the plan adopted or under
26 development is an emergency management plan limited in scope to the
27 preparation for, response to, and recovery from human-caused
28 emergencies stemming from acts or threats of violence or an all-hazard
29 emergency management plan. They shall submit these reports to the
30 emergency management division of the military department by December
31 31, 2001, and December 31st of every third year thereafter. The
32 emergency management division of the military department shall report
33 to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate
34 on school and school district emergency management planning activities
35 by February 15, 2002, and by February 15th of every third year
36 thereafter.

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